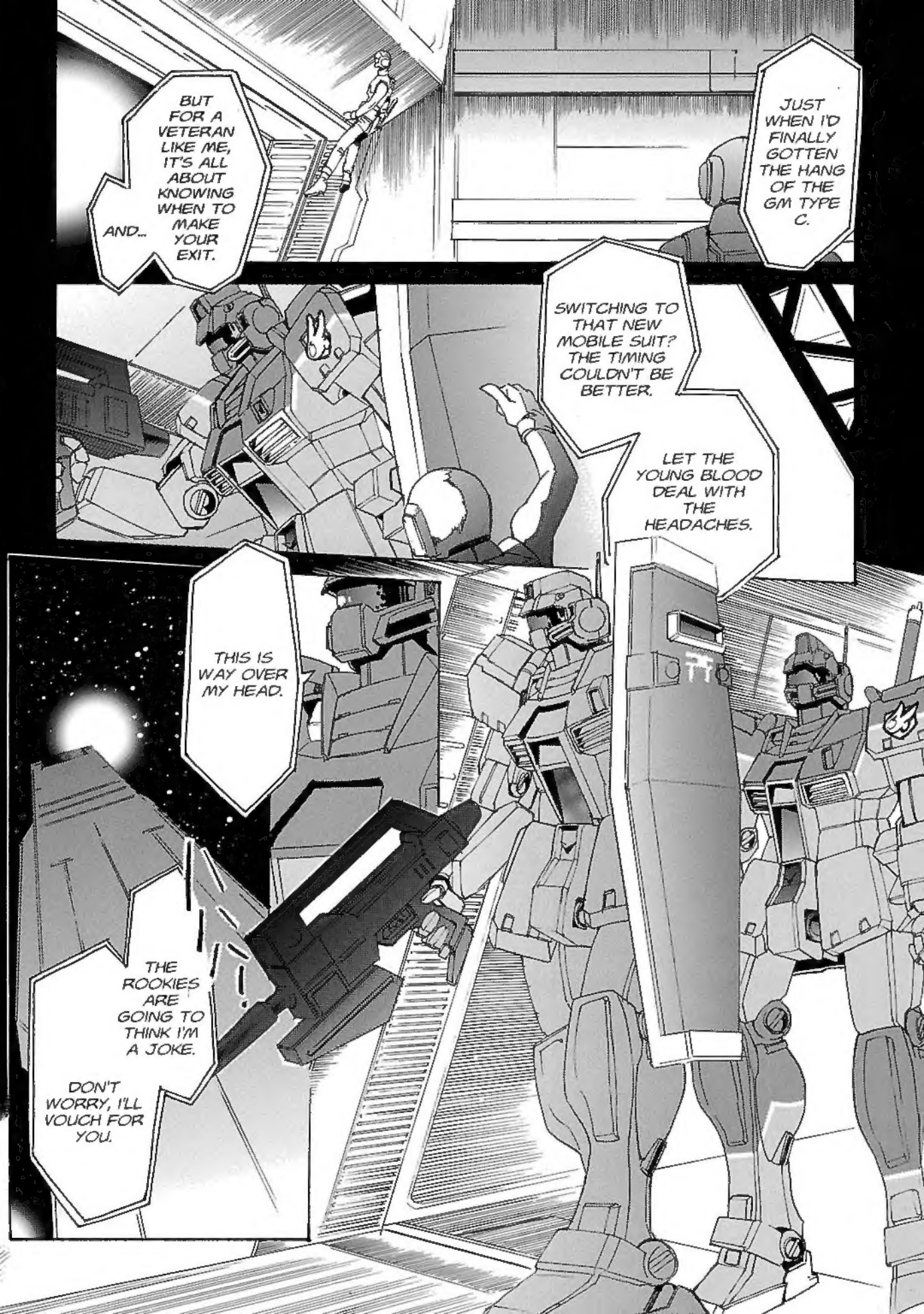




BUT
FOR A
VETERAN
LIKE ME,
IT'S ALL
ABOUT
KNOWING
WHEN TO
MAKE
YOUR
EXIT.
AND...

JUST
WHEN I'D
FINALLY
GOTTEN
THE HANG
OF THE
GM TYPE
C.

SWITCHING TO
THAT NEW
MOBILE SUIT?
THE TIMING
COULDN'T BE
BETTER.

LET THE
YOUNG BLOOD
DEAL WITH
THE
HEADACHES.

THIS IS
WAY OVER
MY HEAD.

THE
ROOKIES
ARE
GOING TO
THINK I'M
A JOKE.

DON'T
WORRY, I'LL
VOUCH FOR
YOU.

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The Aswan Docking at Confeito

THIS IS
THE
FIRST
UNIT.

LOOKS LIKE A
DOM WITH
EXTRA ARMOR
PLATING
BOLTED ON
FOR REIN-
FORCEMENT.

THIS IS
THE
SECOND
ONE.

SEEMS TO BE
A HEAVILY
MODIFIED
GELGOOG.

MARK MY
WORDS,
YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
ONE HELL OF
A SQUAD
LEADER!

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IS THAT
SOME KIND
OF WIRE
CUTTER...

...POSITIONED
RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
THE
CAMERA
EYE?

GOOD GRIEF.
THEY REALLY
WENT TO
TOWN WITH
ALL THAT
THE CAPPY
TEAM FOR
BEING
STUMPED BY
THIS MESS.

FOR NOW,
WE'VE ONLY
CONFIRMED
THESE TWO
MACHINES.



THAT
ROD-SHAPED
COMPONENT
RIGHT THERE.



WHEN THEY
THROW DESIGN
PHILOSOPHY
COMPLETELY OUT
THE WINDOW LIKE
THIS, THERE'S NO
WAY TO GET A
PROPER READ
ON THEM.

WHAT'S THIS
EXTENDED
PIECE
SUPPOSED
TO BE?



I'M THINKING BOTH
THESE MACHINES
MIGHT BE PACKING
EQUIPMENT OR
WEAPONRY THAT
OPERATES
THROUGH WIRED
CONTROL
SYSTEMS.

AT THIS POINT,
MISSILE PODS
ARE ABOUT THE
ONLY ARMAMENT
WE CAN IDENTIFY
WITH ANY
CERTAINTY.



THAT'S...

A...

S-E-C-R-E-T!

WE'VE GOT
SOME
PRESSING
MATTERS TO
ATTEND TO.

LET US
GO,
ELIARD!

ooof!

RIGHT
THEN,
THAT
WRAPS
THINGS
UP FOR
NOW!



WHAT,
EXACTLY?



WELL...

LOOKS LIKE
WE'LL HAVE
TO DUKE IT
OUT WITH
THEM
BEFORE WE
LEARN
ANYTHING
USEFUL!

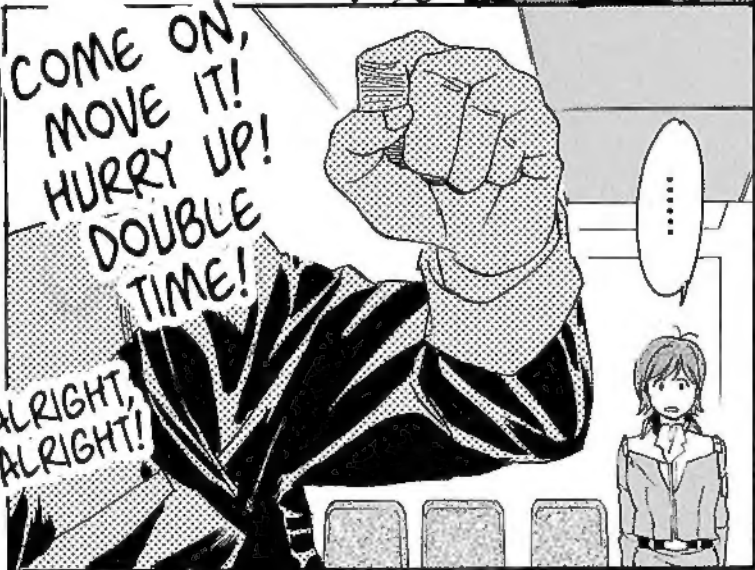


...THIS
ISN'T
GOING
TO END
WELL...

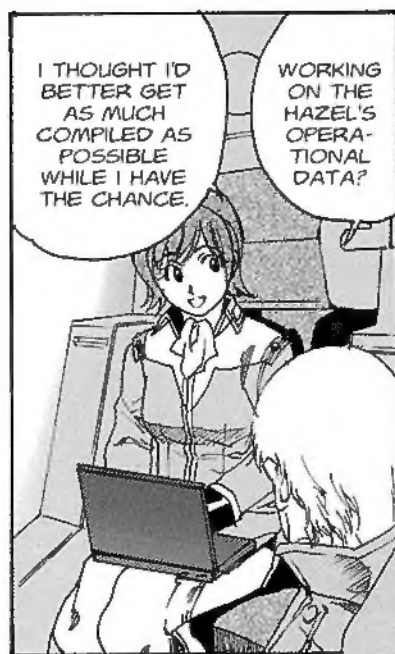
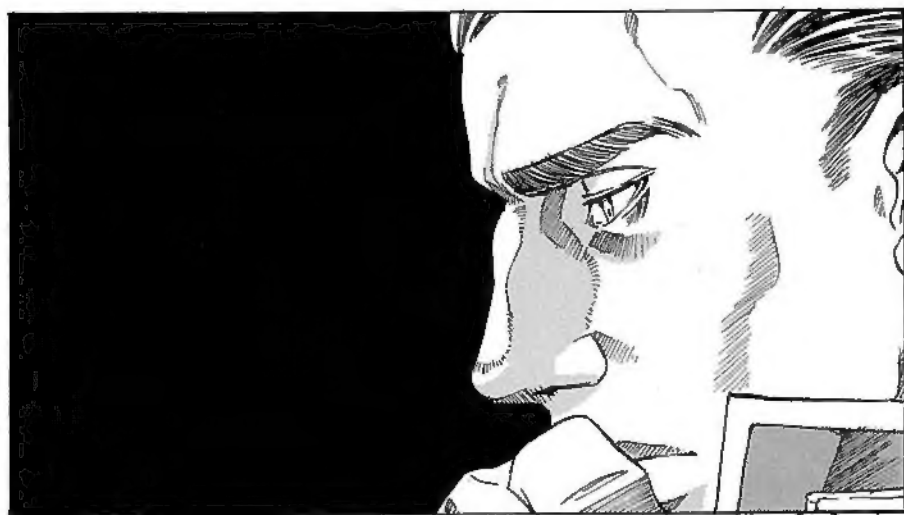
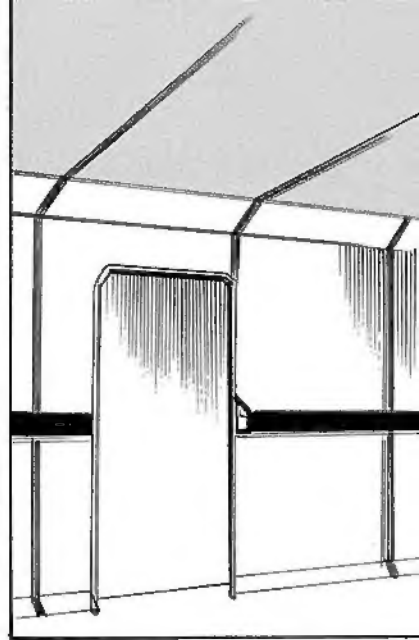
SOME-
THING
TELLS
ME...

COME ON,
MOVE IT!
HURRY UP!
DOUBLE
TIME!

ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT!



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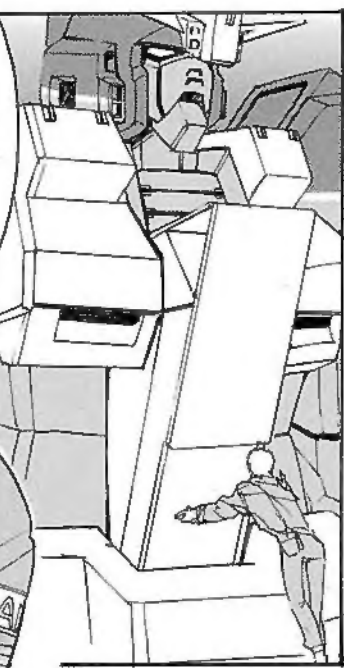


I THOUGHT I'D
BETTER GET
AS MUCH
COMPILED AS
POSSIBLE
WHILE I HAVE
THE CHANCE.

WORKING
ON THE
HAZEL'S
OPERA-
TIONAL
DATA?



YOU'RE
REALLY
PUTTING
IN THE
HOURS.





WON'T DO
ANYONE ANY
GOOD IF
YOU'RE BURNED
OUT WHEN THE
SORTIE ALARM
SOUNDS.

JUST
DON'T
PUSH
YOURSELF
TOO
HARD.
YOU'RE A
PILOT
FIRST
AND
FORE-
MOST.

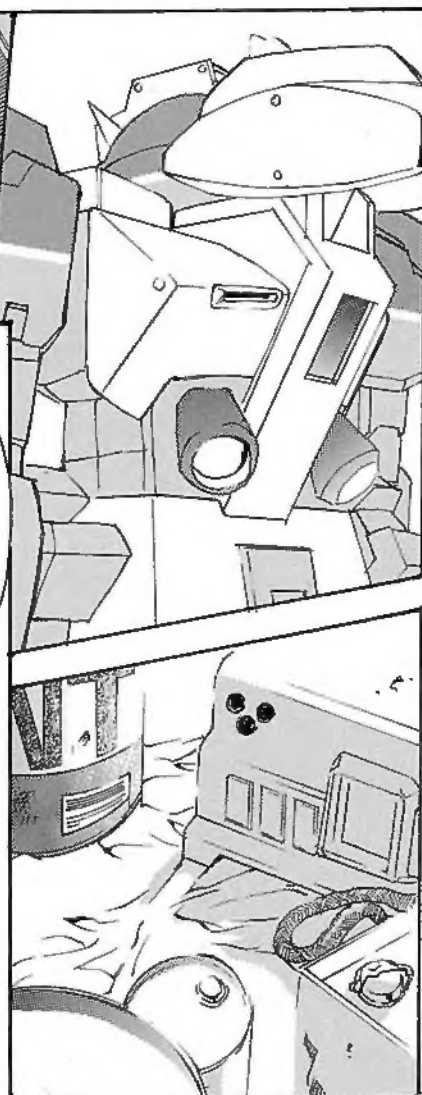


EVEN THE
BIGWIG
INCIDENT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
CONTAINED
WITH BETTER
DATA.

THE T3 CYCLES
THROUGH
MACHINES
CONSTANTLY, AND
I WANT TO HAVE
THE MOST
CURRENT DATA
READY FOR
WHATEVER NEW
UNITS COME IN.

THE MORE
REFERENCE
MATERIAL WE HAVE
FOR TEST
MACHINE-SPECIFIC
ISSUES, THE BETTER
OUR ODDS OF
RESOLVING
PROBLEMS FAST.

I NEVER
WANT TO
SEE
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPEN
AGAIN.





A WHAT NOW?



THINK OF IT AS A PROTECTIVE CHARM.



DRAGGING ME INTO THIS TOO.

WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A RUSH TO GET THESE MARKINGS PAINTED?



YOU KNOW, LIKE A "MAY THIS SUIT RETURN IN ONE PIECE"

STUFF LIKE THAT.

OR "MAY ALL ENEMY FIRE GO WIDE."



HOW COULD THAT M-1000 BE PICKING A CANNON?

THAT INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED.



...AMPLIFYING EACH OTHER.

IT'S ALL ABOUT SKILL AND FORTUNE...

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?



AFTER ALL THE BAD LUCK WE'VE BEEN HAVING, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO RELY ON DIVINE PROTECTION?



OUR LUCKY LIL BUNNY IS GOING TO WATCH OVER T3.



THE
COMMANDER'S
SUMMONED
ME.

WHERE
TO?

HOLD UP,
I'VE GOT
TO DUCK
OUT.



HM?

THAT'S
SOME CONFI-
DENCE
YOU'VE GOT
THERE...



MESSAGE
RECEIVED!



DON'T YOU
DARE BAIL
ON ME!



THAT'S
NONE OF
YOUR DAMN
BUSINESS!

SPEAKING
OF WHICH...

"MAY YOU STOP
DESTROYING
MOBILE SUITS
FROM NOW ON."



WELL THEN
YOU'D BETTER
OFFER UP
SOME SERIOUS
PRAYERS.

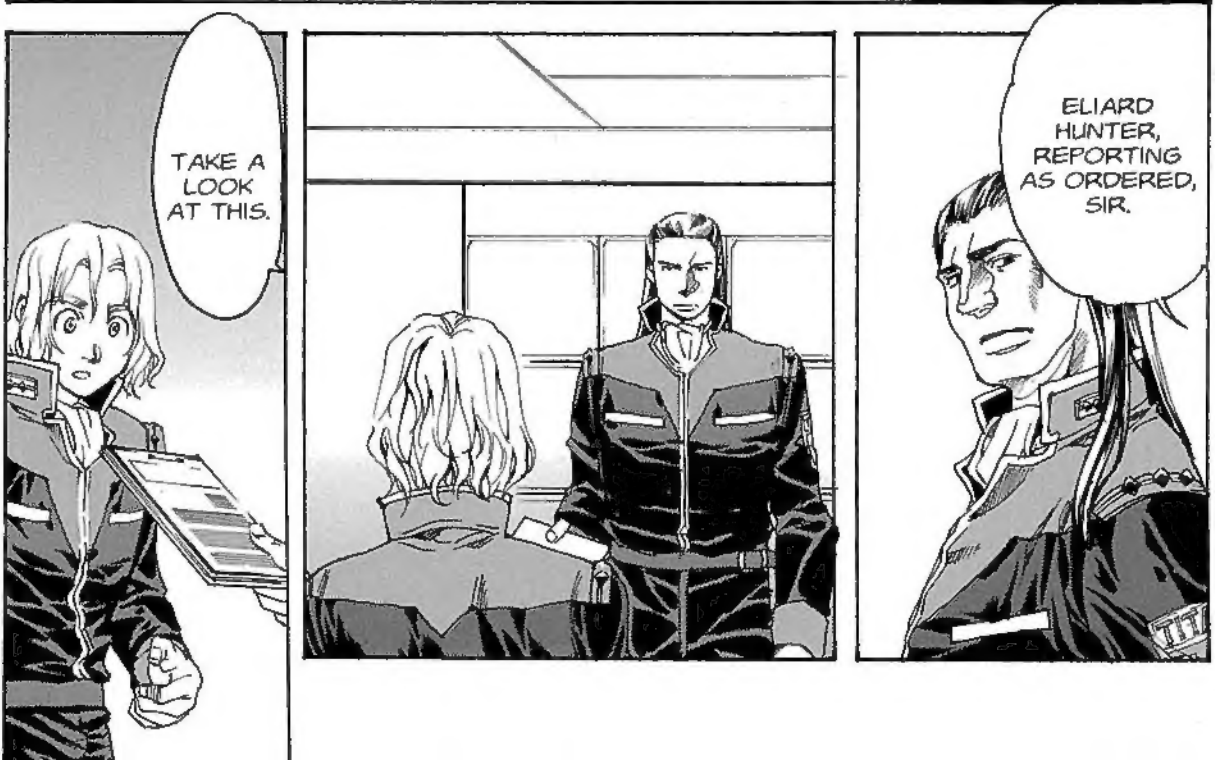
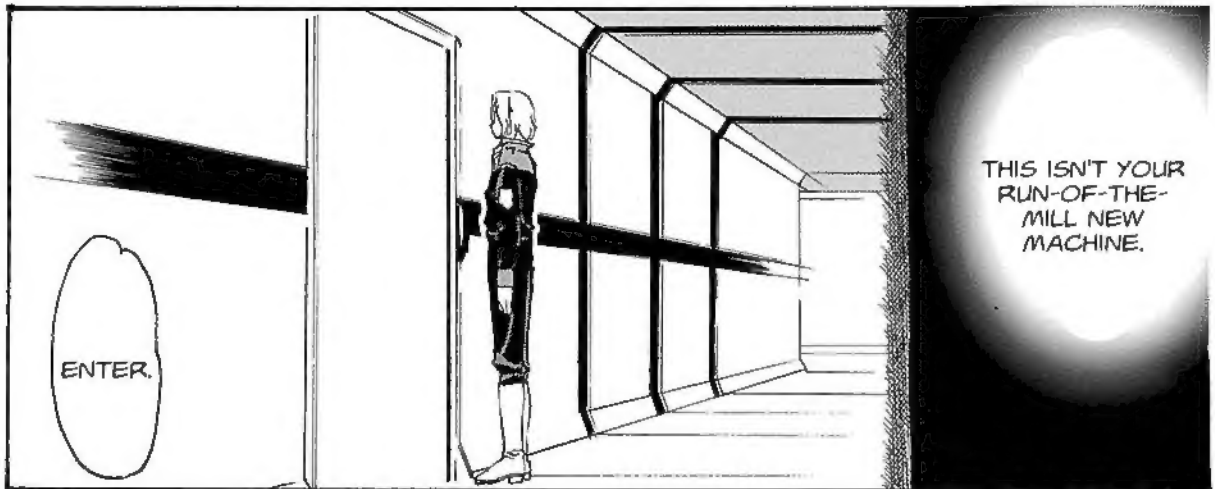
SIGN
HERE.

NOT BAD
HANDI-
WORK,
EH?

HEH
HEH
HEH!

SO THIS IS
YOUR LUCKY
CHARM? COMPLETE
WITH RABBIT
INSIGNIA.

HERE'S
THE
HIZACK'S CHECKS.

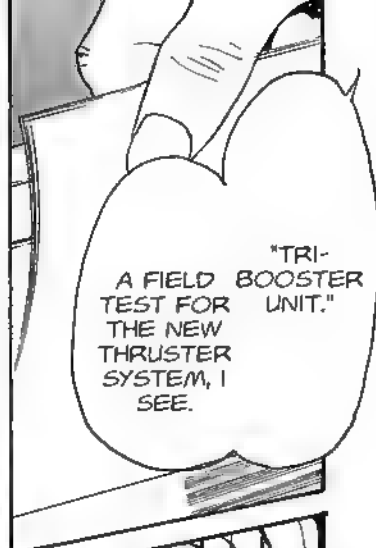




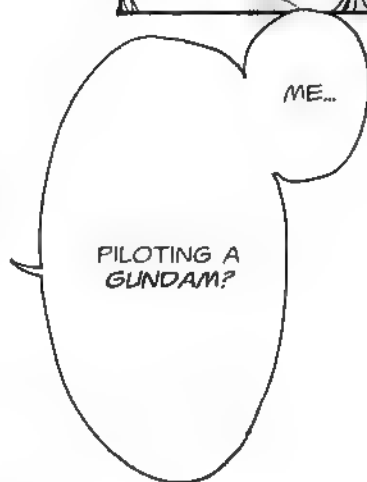
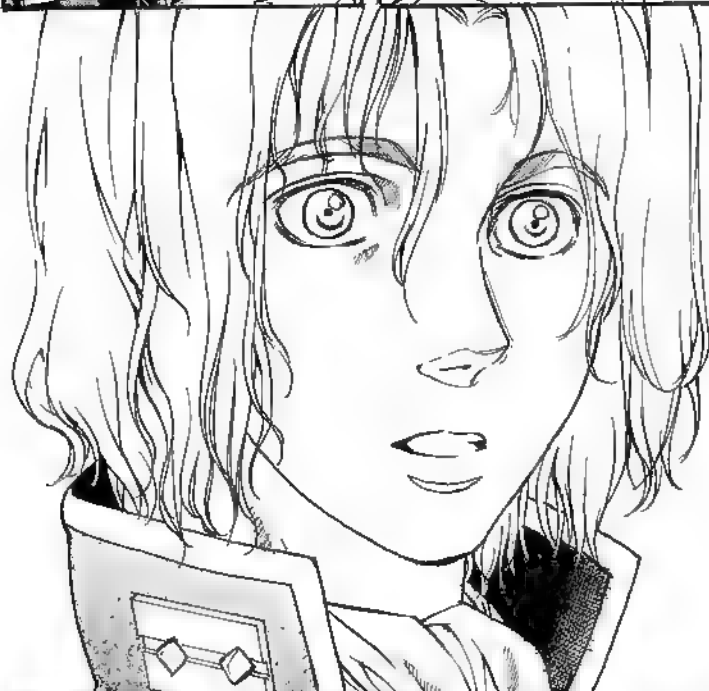
YOU'RE
DESIGNATED
AS THE
PRIMARY
PILOT.



YOU'LL BE
PILOTING IT
MOUNTED
ON THE GM
QUEL, WHICH
IS SERVING
AS A PARTS
DONOR FOR
THE HAZEL.



"TRI-
BOOSTER
UNIT."
A FIELD
TEST FOR
THE NEW
THRUSTER
SYSTEM, I
SEE.



ME...

PILOTING A
GUNDAM?



TO US
FEDERATION
PERSONNEL,
IT STANDS
AS A
BUT... BEACON OF
GLORY.



THE
GUNDAM
REP-
PRESENTS
EVERYTHING
THE FED-
ERATION
STANDS
FOR.
ANY
MOBILE
SUIT PILOT
WOULD
DREAM
OF--

ABSO-
LUTELY,
SIR!

DOES
THAT
MAKE
YOU
HAPPY?



IN-
CREDI-
BLE!

I CAN
HARDLY
BELIEVE IT...
ME OF ALL
PEOPLE...



I TAKE IT
YOU'RE
AWARE OF
WHAT THIS
MEANS?



TO ZEON
HOLDOUTS, IT'S
A FOCAL POINT
OF PURE
HATRED.



THAT'S THE
BURDEN OF
PILOTING A
GUNDAM.

AND SIMPLY
SETTING FOOT ON
A BATTLEFIELD
TURNS THE
MACHINE ITSELF
INTO EVERYONE'S
NUMBER ONE
TARGET.

EVEN SO
MUCH AS
SUSTAINING
DAMAGE WILL
CRUSH THE
MORALE OF
ALLIED
FORCES...



...TO BE A
GUNDAM
PILOT?

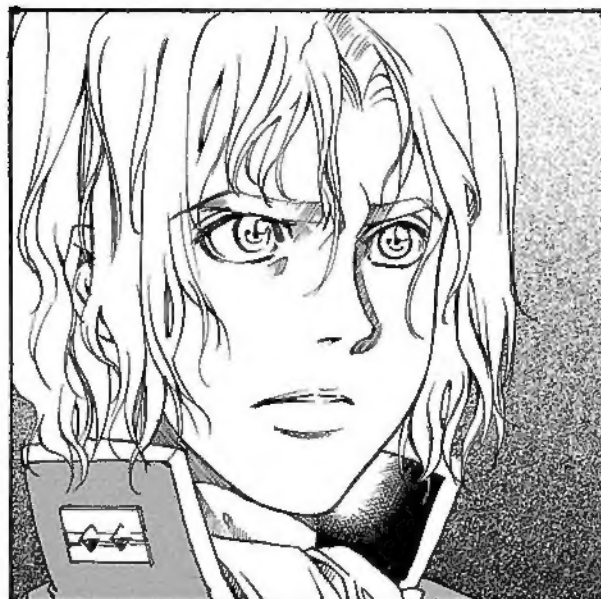
WHAT
YOU'RE
TELLING
ME IS THAT I
LACK THE
QUALIFICA-
TIONS...

SO...

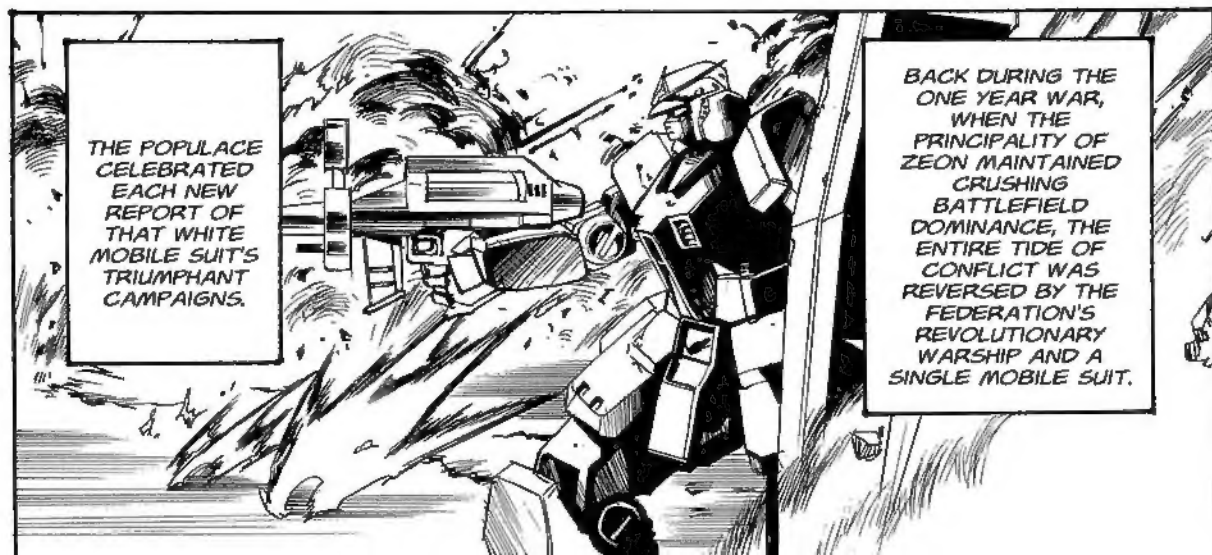


OR SOME
GREENHORN WHO
CLIMBED INTO A
MOBILE SUIT FOR
THE FIRST TIME
YESTERDAY, THE
ENEMY WILL COME
AT YOU WITH
EVERYTHING
THEY'VE GOT,
WITHOUT MERCY.

REGARD-
LESS OF
WHETHER
THE PILOT
IS A
SEASONED
VETERAN...



THE
GUN-
DAM'S
LEGEND-
ARY
HERI-
TAGE...

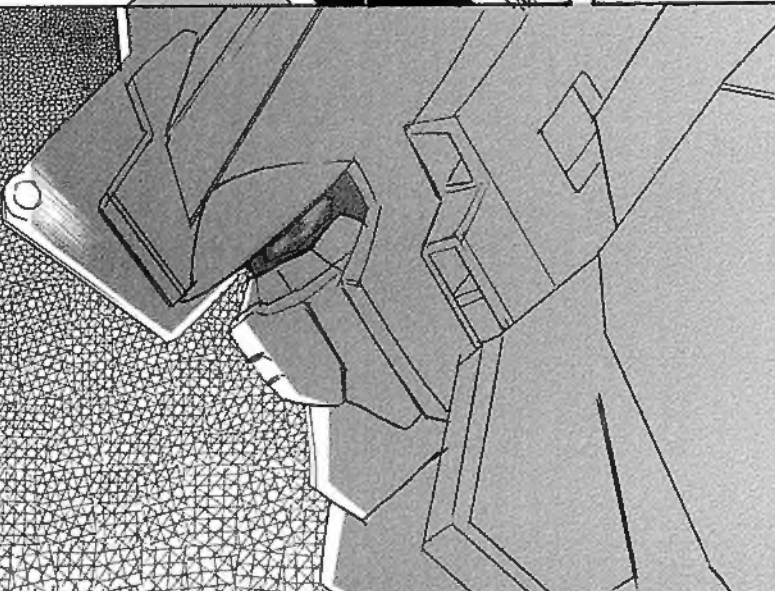




AND NOW
HERE I AM,
ABOUT TO
BECOME A
GUNDAM
PILOT
MYSELF.



I
COUNTED
MYSELF
AMONG
THEM.



THE "LEGACY"
AND "DESTINY"
THAT COMES
WITH THE
GUNDAM NAME.



WORD IS
YOU'RE
GETTING
BEHIND THE
CONTROLS
OF A
GUNDAM?
TELL ME
THAT'S
NOT
JUST
RUMORS
MAN!



ELIARD!



I'M WELL
AWARE
OF ALL
THAT.



TRUST
ME...

